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FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH IRAN

SUMMARY: SUDANESE PRESIDENT JAFAR NUMEIRY RECEIVED WARM WELCOME DURING SIX-DAY VISIT. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED END OF VISIT (MARCH 2) STRESSED FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, REAFFIRMED IRAN'S SUPPORT OF AFRICAN PEOPLES STRIVING FOR INDEPENDENCE, GOI INTENT ESTABLISH ECONOMIC MISSION FOR EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL "ACTIVITIES" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, NOTED THE SIGNING OF A CULTURAL AGREEMENT AND ANNOUNCED SUDAN'S DECISION ESTABLISH RESIDENT EMBASSY IN TEHRAN. END SUMMARY.

1. SUDANESE PRESIDENT JAFAR NUMEIRY, WHO ARRIVED TEHRAN FEBRUARY 25 FOR SIX-DAY VISIT, RECEIVED RED CARPET TREATMENT. HE DEPARTED MARCH 2 EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT THE CANDID, SINCERE AND BENEFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH ENSUED WOULD STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD AND CON-
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FIDENCE EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. NUMEIRY MET WITH THE SHAH, FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI, PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS. SHAH, AT BANQUET HONORING NUMEIRY, SPOKE OF FRIENDSHIP AND EVER-INCREASING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, VAST POTENTIAL OF SUDAN, ESPECIALLY IN MINING, AGRICULTURE AND STOCK BREEDING, AND POSSIBILITY OF IRAN'S ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT BEING USED TO MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. NOTING THAT NUMEIRY HAD JUST COME FROM ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN LAHORE, SHAH OBSERVED THAT ONLY IN UNITY CAN ISLAMIC WORLD REGAIN THE NATIONAL AND SPIRITUAL GLORY OF ITS PAST. THE ECONOMIC MISSIONS, BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE, WHICH WILL SOON BE DISPATCHED FROM IRAN TO THE SUDAN AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, WILL BE EFFECTIVE IN STRENGTHENING COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

3. NUMEIRY RESPONDED WITH PRAISE FOR IRAN AND THE QTE ORIGINALITY AND GREATNESS END QTE OF IRANIAN CIVILIZATION. SAID MUSLEMS EMERGED FROM ISLAMIC CONFERENCE WITH QTE GREATER VIGOR, CLOSER COOPERATION AND BETTER RESULTS END QTE. SERIOUS DECISIONS AT CONFERENCE WERE ADOPTED, WHICH INVOLVED REDRESSING OF QTE OUR USURPED RIGHTS AND RETURN OF THAT PART OF OUR BELOVED LAND WHICH STILL UNDER OCCUPATION OF ZIONISTS, AS WELL AS THE LIBERATION OF THE HOLY LANDS WHICH WE HAVE INHERITED FROM OUR ANCESTORS END QTE. THE CONFERENCE, HE STATED, ALSO ADOPTED DECISION ON RIGHT OF HUNDREDS OF PALESTINIANS. IRAN'S (QTE YOUR MAJESTY'S END QTE) REAFFIRMATION OF THESE DECISIONS IS A CONTINUATION OF GOI POLICY PURSUED IN THE SAFEGUARD OF ARAB RIGHTS. HE ASSURED THE SHAH THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE IRAN AS ONE OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES QTE WHO HAVE BEEN TRYING HARD FOR THE DEVELOPEMENT OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY AS WELL AS FOR GLORY OF MANKIND END QTE.

4. ON MARCH 2, DAY OF NUMEIRY'S DEPARTURE, GOI FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI AND ACCOMPANYING SUDANESE FOREIGN MINISTER SIGNED A CULTURAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR INCREASED CONTACT IN EDUCATION, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

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5. AT END OF NUMEIRY'S VISIT (OF WHICH FIRST THREE DAYS CONSTITUTED THE OFFICIAL VISIT) A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED WHICH REFLECTED MUST OF THAT CONTAINED IN ABOVE BANQUET SPEECHES. INTER ALIA, COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED: NUMEIRY'S PLEASURE AT GOI INTENTION DELEGATE ECONOMIC MISSION IN QTE NEAR FUTURE END QTE TO CARRY OUT STUDIES ON EXPANSION OF COMMERICAL EXCHANGES AND THE CREATION OF

NEW ECONOMIC AREAS IN THIS FIELD; DESIRE FOR EXPANSION OF CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES; MUTUAL PLEASURE WITH EXPANSION OF TIES AND CONFIRMATION OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS' READINESS FOR FURTHER COOPERATION; REAFFIRMATION OF DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT LIBERATION STRUGGLES OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLES STRIVING FOR INDEPENDENCE; AND BELIEF IN PRINCIPLE OF NATIONS' RIGHT TO DETERMINE OWN DESTINIES WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. CONCERNING MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, COMMUNIQUE CALLED FOR EVACUATION OF ALL TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAELI FORCES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 242 WITH RETURN OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S LEGITIMATE RIGHTS. COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED SUDAN GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENT EMBASSY IN TEHRAN AS A MARK OF CONSOLIDATION AND EXPANSION OF MUTUAL TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS MUCH OF WHAT HAS BEEN SAID BEFORE, IT DOES REFLECT IRAN'S CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO EXPAND RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND THE CEMENTING OF FRIENDLY TIES WITH SUDAN. END COMMENT. LEHFELDT

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